



Roane County Joint Information Center Kingston Ash Release

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KINGSTON WATER TREATMENT PLANT SAMPLE RESULTS

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation today received lab results for water collected last week at the Kingston Water Treatment Plant intake on the Tennessee River. The results do not indicate any levels above regulatory standards for treated drinking water. The samples collected were of river water at the intake prior to treatment. The sample results are attached. The first attachment is a list of the drinking water standards for your convenience. The sample results follow in two attachments.

The department will continue sampling activities, as will the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and TVA. Environment and Conservation will be sampling the Kingston and Rockwood water treatment plant intakes daily and sending the samples to the state of Tennessee lab in Nashville. The department is also sampling private wells in the area. That well sampling began today. Anyone in a four mile radius who wishes to have their well sampled may call Environment and Conservation's Knoxville Field Office at 865-594-6035 or 888-891-8332.

All sampling results will continue to be released to the media as the department receives them and will be posted on the department's Web site at www.tn.gov/environment beginning Jan. 2.

Note: This press release covers multiple days and/or operational periods.

- ❖ JIC hours of operation will be 0800 – 1700 for Jan 1 – Jan 4
 - The JIC will be operational on Jan 1, but staffing will be reduced that day.
- ❖ On Fri, Jan 2, 11:00AM, there will be another Unified Command Briefing for the media
 - Location: JIC, 2735 Roane State Hwy, Harriman (US Hwy 70, Rescue Squad Bldg)
- ❖ For any interested media, a brief photo opportunity of ongoing recovery efforts will follow at the Kingston site.

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